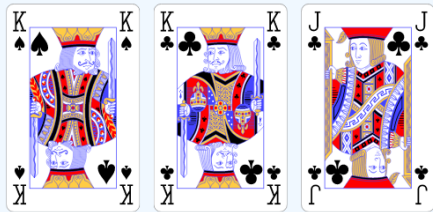
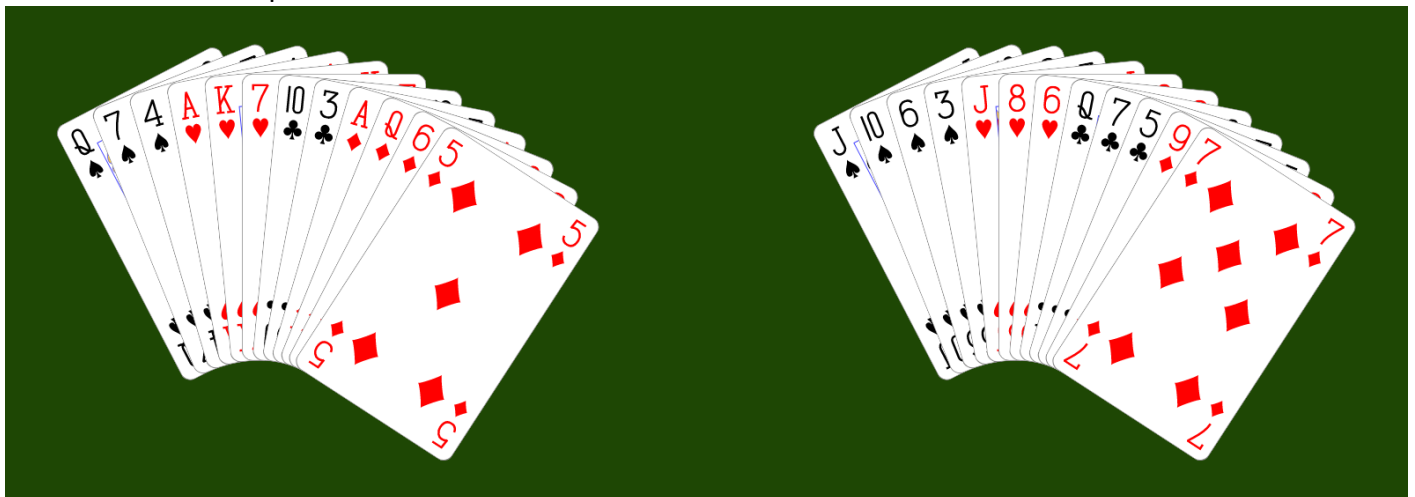


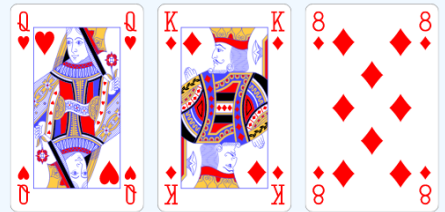


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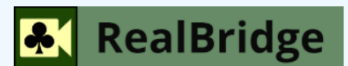
Puzzle 1: Week of April 3



W	N	E	S
1♦	P	1♠	P
2NT			



West and East each dropped a card.
 Can you find the missing cards?



Cards to choose from are directly located under the hand missing them.

Answer on next page: My answer assumes opening 1NT is 15-17 points, and 2/1 bidding system.

Answer to Real Bridge Puzzle 1:

W's choices of dropped cards: ♠K, ♣K, ♣J

The dropped card must be at least 3 points as with less, they would have opened 1NT with that hand. It can't be the ♠K, as with that they would have raised partner's spades. Therefore, they dropped the ♣K!

E's choices: ♥Q, ♦K, ♦8

The dropped card must have point value as without more points they do not have enough to respond. If it was the ♥Q, they would have both 4 hearts and 4 spades and would bid them up the line bidding 1♥ first. Therefore, the dropped card must be the ♦K.

Extra credit answer to the question, "What is East's next call?":

3NT: With the dropped ♦K back in East's hand they have 7 points added to partner's known 18 or 19 makes for 25 or 26 points and a game bid!